

MINUTES
STATE BOARD FOR COMMUNITY AND JUNIOR COLLEGES
DECEMBER 12, 1997

The regular meeting of the State Board for Community and Junior Colleges was held on Friday, December 12, 1997, at 9:00 a.m. in room 507 of the Education and Research Center in Jackson, Mississippi.

Members present: Yvonne Brown; Sara Fox; Joanna Heidel; Henry Hudspeth; John Junkin, II; William Seal; Hazel Terry; and George Walker.

Members absent: Billy Hewes and Patricia Puckett.

Staff in attendance: Dr. Olon Ray, Executive Director, Dr. Randall Bradberry, Becky Cade, Dr. Larry Day, Deborah Gilbert, Sandra Lucas, Danny Seal, Dr. Wayne Stonecypher, and Frankie Walton White.

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chairman George Walker at 9:05 a.m.

PRELIMINARIES

The invocation was given by Yvonne Brown.

Acknowledgments/Introductions

George Walker welcomed the following visitors:
Bill Blasingame, State Department of Education
Jerry Senter, Itawamba Community College
Andy Kanengiser, Clarion Ledger.

Approval of Minutes

On a motion by Henry Hudspeth, seconded by John Junkin, the Board approved the minutes of the November 20 and 21, 1997, meetings, after changing a typographical date error of February 3 and 4, 1997, to 1998. Motion carried unanimously.

Review of Agenda

On a motion by William Seal, and a second by Hazel Terry, the Board voted unanimously to approve the agenda as presented.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Dr. Olon Ray shared a thank you card from Joanna Heidel for the expression of sympathy received during the loss of her mother.

Dr. Ray distributed and briefly covered a report on the progress of the SBCJC's teaming efforts (Exhibit A).

Dr. Ray reported that the Mississippi Association of Community and Junior Colleges had suggested that part of the \$20,000 received from EdNet be used to fund a retreat in January or February, 1998, to explore distance learning opportunities. Also, part of the funds might be used to pay the expenses of individuals to visit other community and junior college sites where distance learning is being utilized, in order to draw strengths of the programs and avoid identified problems.

Dr. Ray informed Board members that the 1998 Legislative Session will begin on January 6, 1998.

Dr. Ray announced that Hinds Community College won the Mississippi State Community/Junior College Football Championship and was invited to participate in the Golden Isles Bowl in Brunswick Georgia, where they defeated Middle Georgia by a score of 27 to 14.

Dr. Ray also announced that the SBCJC's offices will be closed on December 25 and 26, 1997, and January 1, 1998, in observance of the Christmas and New Year's holidays.

REPORTS/ACTION

MACJC Report

Dr. Barry Mellinger reported via the CCN, on the following items discussed by the Mississippi Association of Community and Junior Colleges at their meeting on November 25, 1997:

Dr. Wayne Stonecypher gave the SBCJC Executive Director's report. He updated the Association on the SBCJC Funding and Formula Study Committee's meeting on October 31, 1997.

Dr. Stonecypher reported that the SBCJC had received a check in the amount of \$20,000 from EdNet for initial programming for the ITFS Channel owned by the SBCJC. Dr. Olon Ray asked for input from the presidents as to how the funds might best be used. The Association approved a motion that the MACJC Executive Committee meet with Dr. Olon Ray before the next MACJC meeting to discuss ideas for spending the \$20,000 check from EdNet.

Dr. Stonecypher announced that the SBCJC voted to change the dates of Board meetings from the third Wednesday evening and Thursday morning to the third Thursday evening and Friday morning of each month. Also, the SBCJC voted to change the date of the December Board meeting to December 12, 1997 at 9:00 a.m.

Dr. Barry Mellinger reported on a meeting of the MACJC Executive Committee and Dr. Therrell Myers to discuss the continuing relationship with the State Department of Education's Department of Vocational and Technical Education.

Dr. Clyde Muse reported on the Regional Legislative meetings.

A discussion ensued about local superintendents of education serving on Boards of Trustees at the community and junior colleges. No action was taken.

Dr. Eddie Smith reported that the PTK All-State Academic Team Recognition Luncheon is scheduled for March 18, 1998, at the Ramada Coliseum, in Jackson, Mississippi.

Mrs. Deborah Gilbert distributed a copy and briefly covered a comparison of the FY 1999 budget request to the FY 1999 Legislative Budget Office Recommendations.

Dr. Howell Garner presented a report prepared by the Virtual Community College Project Committee. The Association voted unanimously to schedule a retreat following the January MACJC meeting to further review the report from the Virtual Community College Project and other distance learning opportunities, at the Hinds Community College Eagle Ridge Facility. The Association also agreed to recommend that the \$20,000 received from EdNet be used to help defer expenses with regard to the conference. All presidents were urged to attend and to invite their Academic Deans and key technology personnel to attend and participate.

Dr. Ned Lovell, with Mississippi State University, gave a presentation on The Mississippi Community College Fellowship Program. The Association voted unanimously to continue its support and endorsement of The Mississippi Community College Fellowship Program.

The Association held a discussion concerning financial aid for student athletes at community and junior colleges. Current MACJC regulations allow \$600 in financial aid above the cost of tuition for student athletes. Dr. Mellinger appoint a committee of financial aid officials to work with Dr. Bradberry to examine the issue of reporting financial aid for student athletes and develop standards for reporting.

Mrs. Jean Dona, Doctoral Student at the University of Mississippi, and Coordinator in the Disability Support Services Office of Hinds Community College, presented a proposal to the Association relating to her dissertation project, i.e., Faculty Knowledge of Legal Decisions Regarding the Americans with Disabilities Act. The Association voted unanimously to participate and support Mrs. Dona's project.

The Association voted unanimously to adopt the National Organization for Associate Degree Nursing's (N-OADN) position statement in support of an Associate Degree as preparation for the entry level registered nurse.

The Association voted unanimously to endorse a resolution to Dr. Tom Burnham in recognition of his service as State Superintendent of Education, and present it to him at the January MACJC meeting.

The upcoming February, 1998, "Creating Futures Through Technology" conference was discussed.

The Association voted unanimously to transfer the balance of a previous national meeting of American Association of Community College Trustees, \$5,111.06, to the Mississippi Community College Trustees Association for use in an upcoming Tri-Regional Conference.

The Association voted unanimously to allow individual colleges to determine and assess gate admission rates for basketball games.

An update was received concerning a MACJC waiver release policy involving Pearl River Community College. The judge dismissed the case ruling in favor of the rules and regulations of the MACJC. An appeal has been filed with the Mississippi Supreme Court. The Association formally commended the Hinds Community College Eagle Football Team for winning the State Championship for the fourth year in a row.

Dr. Wayne Stonecypher gave an update on the SBCJC's continuing efforts to work with IHL with regard to offering graduate level nursing courses over the CCN.

Program Committee

On a motion by Joanna Heidel, and a second by John Junkin, the Board voted unanimously to approve the addition of an associate degree level option to an existing certificate level Heating and Air Conditional Technology Program at Hinds Community College's Raymond Campus.

On a motion by Joanna Heidel, and a second by Henry Hudspeth, the Board voted unanimously to approve a request from the University of Mississippi, to offer two lower level courses, Math 246 (Mathematics for Elementary Teachers II) and Math 269 (Elementary Mathematical Analysis III) at the Desoto Center for the Spring Semester.

Workforce Education Report

Chairman Walker updated Board members on the activities of the State Workforce Council. Mr. Walker shared the Workforce Council's concerns involving the movement to establish advanced technology centers around the state. The Board held a discussion voicing concerns about how the centers would be funded and the possible duplication of services offered by the community and junior college career centers. The Board also discussed what involvement the State Workforce Council might have that would allow input by business and industry leaders in the decision process for future centers. IHL has been charged with the responsibility to produce a study for the need to establish the advanced technology centers in consultation with the SBCJC. On a motion by John Junkin, and a second by Henry Hudspeth, the Board voted unanimously to appoint a committee to work with the MACJC presidents to determine a unified position and then to meet with IHL to protect the interest and education of the Workforce and Education Act of 1994 and the employers of the State of Mississippi. Mr. Walker appointed the following committee members: John Junkin, William Seal, Henry Hudspeth, and Sara Fox.

The State Workforce Council in response to concerns that graduates from Mississippi's high schools do not have the skills necessary to successfully join the workforce, has appointed a committee that is continuing to meet with representatives of the State Department of Education to identify two or three local school systems that would be partnered with community and junior colleges to create a model for training.

Mr. Walker also reported that the preliminary budget recommendation for Fiscal Year 1999 shows additional funding for the Skill Tech Centers.

Funding and Formula Report

In response to the Board's request, Jerry Senter, Chairman of the Organization Committee, presented and covered background materials used by the SBCJC Funding and Formula Study Committee in examining the present funding formula (Exhibit B). The Organizational Committee will take the issues and recommendations identified by three work groups and prepare a report for delivery to the full Funding and Formula Committee. At that point a writing committee chaired by Dr. Eddie Smith, will take the final recommendations and prepare the final form.

John Junkin reported that a meeting of the Organizational Committee is scheduled for January 15, 1998. Dr. Ray stated that following that meeting, final recommendations should be forthcoming in February or March, 1998.

Mr. Junkin also distributed for the Board's review, copies of responses received from MACJC presidents with regard to out-of-district scholarships (Exhibit C). He asked that Board members review the information and that the item be placed on next month's agenda for discussion and possible action.

Enrollment Audit Report

Dr. Larry Day distributed a copy of the preliminary Fall 1997 Enrollment Report figures (Exhibit D). Dr. Day covered the highlights of the report which reflected a recorded enrollment of 125,625.

Revisit Board's Position (School Superintendents on CJC Boards)

Mr. Walker stated that he had been contacted and asked that the SBCJC re-examine their position to have legislation introduced that would exclude school superintendents from community and junior college Boards of Trustees. After a discussion, no action was taken to amend or change the previous position taken by the Board.

Proprietary School and College Report

Danny Seal presented a report on the actions taken by the Commission on Proprietary Schools and College Registration, during the August 21, and October 16, 1997, meetings (Exhibit E). The next meeting will be held on December 18, 1997.

Finance Committee

On a motion by William Seal, and a second by Henry Hudspeth, the Board voted unanimously to approve the General Fund 2298 Disbursements for January 1998, in the amount of \$20,089,710. (Exhibit F).

On a motion by William Seal, and a second by John Junkin, the Board voted unanimously to approve the Education Enhancement Fund Disbursement for December 31, 1997, from funds 4080, and 4110, in the amount of \$1,873,538.60 (Exhibit G).

On a motion by William Seal, and a second by John Junkin, the Board voted unanimously to approve a Z-1 budget changes for Adult Education and Work Force Changes, and the NASA Grant (Exhibit H).

Mr. Seal presented the following reports items not requiring action for the Board's review:

- Bimonthly Capital Improvements Report (Exhibit I)
- Technology Bond Fund Expenditure Update (Exhibit J)
- Financial Statements for Funds 2291, 3291, and 4300 (Exhibit K)
- Financial Data of Community and Junior Colleges for FY 1997 (Exhibit L).

On a motion by William Seal, and a second by John Junkin, the Board voted unanimously to award a personnel services contract to Integrated Network Solutions (INS) to configure, implement, train, support the SBCJC fire wall and the DMZ zone network. The cost of the contract shall not exceed \$23,400 (260 hours at \$90.00 per hour).

Adoption of SBCJC Seal

Upon a recommendation by Dr. Olon Ray, a motion by Henry Hudspeth, and a second by William Seal, the Board voted unanimously to officially adopt the current SBCJC seal (Exhibit M).

Travel Authorizations

Chairman Walker asked for requests to authorize travel reimbursements for events other than regularly scheduled Board meetings. On a motion by Henry Hudspeth, seconded by John Junkin, the Board voted unanimously to approve a request for reimbursement of travel expenses from George Walker for attending an IHL meeting on December 17, 1997.

Other Business

Dr. Olon Ray announced that the poinsettias decorating the Board room were sent to the Board from the Horticulture Program at Jones County Junior College.

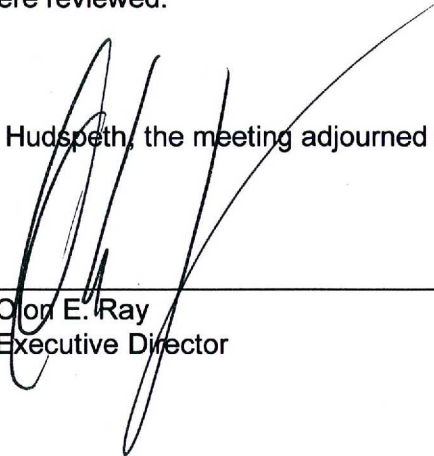
Yvonne Brown thanked the SBCJC and staff for the gifts and donations for two families sponsored through Grace Community Church in Tchula, Mississippi. The staff and Board had adopted the families for a special Christmas project.

Dates of the January and February 1998 meetings were reviewed.

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by John Junkin, and a second by Henry Hudspeth, the meeting adjourned at 11:25 a.m.


George Walker, Chairman


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Executive Director